REMARKS

The present application has been allowed on November 20, 2003. Applicants

respectfully submit that the amendment above does not change its status. Accordingly, the

present application remains in condition for allowance.

Claims 1-5 and 13-18 have been allowed.

At the outset, Applicants thank Examiner Nutter for indicating that Claims 1-5 and

13-18 are allowable and agreeing to consider amendment to Claim 4. Applicants have

amended the Claim 4 to depend from --claim 2-- instead of --claim 1-- to correct a correct

typographical error. Support is found in the original claims.

No new matter is believed to be introduced by the nature of the amendment. Further,

since Applicants have merely corrected typographical error the amendments do not

necessitate further and/or new searches. Accordingly favorable consideration is respectfully

requested.

For the reasons given above, the 312 Amendment filed herewith should be

ENTERED.

Respectfully submitted,

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